

# Memorandum

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Subject: **Sacramento Municipal Utility District Emission Performance Standard Compliance Filing**

On October 24, 2008, Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) submitted an Emission Performance Standard compliance filing pursuant to Title 20 of the California Code of Regulations, section 2900, et seq.

The long-term investment in baseload generation that constitutes a covered procurement under the regulations is a 12-year power purchase agreement with Iberdrola, Inc. for 30 megawatts of firm capacity generation from a 55 megawatt (nameplate) biomass generation facility located in Pierce County, Washington. The expected annual output is 339 gigawatt-hours with a guaranteed annual output of 330 gigawatt-hours, and would represent 3 percent of SMUD's renewable portfolio goal. The project was pre-certified by the Energy Commission as eligible for California's Renewable Portfolio Standard on June 3, 2008 and certificate CEC-RPS-ID 60697C was issued on June 11, 2008.

Staff completed a review of the filing and determined that the contract is compliant with the Emission Performance Standard pursuant to Section 2903(b), which states that, "any in-state or out-of-state power plant that meets the criteria of a renewable electricity generation facility as defined in Chapter 8.6 of Division 15 of the Public Resources code is deemed to be compliant."